

REMARKS

Claims 8-9, 13-16, 19-21, 23-24, and 28, 30, and 32 are currently pending in this application. Claims 3-5, 10-11, 22, 29, 31, and 33-41 have been canceled.

Applicants note with appreciation the courtesy extended by the Examiner in a telephone interview on September 14, 2005 to discuss the patentable features of the invention. Applicants also note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 8-9, 13-16, 19-21, 23-24, 28 and 30 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Because claims 3-5, 10-11, 22, 29, 31, and 33-41 have been canceled, it is believed that the outstanding rejections are moot.

Claim Objections

Claims 29 and 32 were objected to because the faxed copy cut off a portion of the last line of each of the claims. As discussed above, claim 29 has been canceled. The present amendment is being mailed instead of faxed to avoid the issue of the faxed copy being unreadable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 32 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable reconsideration of the rejection of all of the claims is requested. Applicants believe that claims, 8-9, 13-16, 19-21, 23-24, 28, 30, and 32 are now in condition for allowance and an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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If Examiner feels that a telephonic interview would be helpful, she is requested to call the undersigned at (203) 575-2648.

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